U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MARY J. VAUGHN <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Washington, D.C.

Docket No. 97-2471; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 5, 1999

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DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained a recurrence of disability on or after June 21, 1995 causally related to her previous employment injury of April 11, 1978.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated and finalized on June 18, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated June 18, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. May 5, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member